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WILLIAM J. CASEY

14 April 1986

Dear Rick,

I received this from Steve Minikes who was Executive Assistant to Admiral Zumwalt when he was Chief of Naval Operations and later became my Executive Assistant when I was Chairman of the Export-Import Bank. He is a very able and capable person, particularly knowledgeable and vitally interested in public and especially international affairs.

I pass along to you a letter in which he expresses an interest in working on the committee of American businessmen to raise private sector funds for the celebration of Berlin's 750th anniversary.

Yours,


William J. Casey

The Honorable Richard R. Burt
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Mr. William J. Casey
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Dear Bill:

I am traveling on business in West Germany at the moment and dictated this by phone to my secretary.

I understand that Ambassador Burt is forming a committee of American businessmen to raise private sector funds for the celebration of Berlin's 750th anniversary. Last week, Mary C. Foerster, Vice President at Bob Gray's firm and a close personal friend, suggested my name for membership on the committee to Tom Windmueller, Special Assistant to Ambassador Burt. Ms. Foerster was in Berlin to make a presentation for Gray & Company to be Berlin's public relations counsel in the United States in connection with the upcoming anniversary. Mary thought my joining the committee would be especially appropriate because I was born in Berlin, maintain close ties with friends in that City, and visit there with some frequency. Since I also have close ties to the American business, legal and political committees, Mary thought that there was a good match here. As the city of my birth and youth, Berlin has a very special place in my heart. The greatest need, as in most endeavors, will be to raise funds. I believe that is where I could be most helpful.

Ms. Foerster mentioned that Ambassador Burt will be in Washington this week. If you see or speak to him while he is there, I would really appreciate a word of support for my membership on the committee. Unfortunately, the Ambassador does not know me; hence, it is all the more important if you could give me a supporting nod. The reason for singling you out, besides being my former boss,

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is that Mary told me that when she had dinner with Ambassador Burt in Berlin last Friday and was brainstorming the committee with him, your name somehow was raised by the Ambassador and she was left with the impression that he might be in contact with you this week in Washington. Many thanks for any assistance you can give me here. It would mean a lot to be able to serve my adopted country and native city.

Sincerely,


Stephan M. Minkes

F.Y.I. A copy of my biographical sketch is enclosed. I am also referenced in Who's Who in America.

P.S. In follow up to our meeting at the Metropolitan Club a few weeks ago, I phoned your office last week just prior to my departure for Europe and suggested a few dates for lunch. I hope one of them will be convenient for you and look forward to seeing you.

Enclosure

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